

IN THE DRAWING

Kindly replace the originally-filed drawing with the attached two Replacement Sheets of drawing provided herewith.

REMARKS

In the outstanding Official Action, claims 1, 5-7 and 11 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Bace, with claims 1-2, 5-7 and 11 being rejected under §102(e) as being anticipated by Rubenstein, for the reasons of record. Claims 3-4 were deemed to be allowable if placed in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, and in order to put the instant application in condition for allowance, claims 2 and 3 are herewith cancelled, and independent claims 1 and 11 have been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of now-cancelled claims 2 and 3, thereby incorporating allowable subject matter into the independent claims. Additionally, claim 4 is herewith amended to depend from independent claim 1, since this claim originally depended from a now-cancelled claim.

Additionally, claim 8, and claims 9 and 10 depending therefrom, were deemed not to comply with the requirements of §112 in that there is insufficient antecedent basis for a limitation recited in claim 8. In response, it is respectfully submitted that this problem of insufficient antecedent basis has been resolved by the instant amendment, wherein proper antecedent basis for this limitation, originally presented in claim 2, has now been incorporated into claim 1, from which claims 8, 9 and 10 either directly or indirectly depend.

Finally, in response to the objection to the drawing due to

the lack of suitable legends and reference numbers, two Replacement Sheets of drawing are herewith filed in which suitable legends or identifiers have been provided in accordance with the disclosure contained in the specification. With regard to the use of numeric, alpha-numeric and the like symbols in the drawings, it is respectfully submitted that these reference indicators are clear and definite, and are therefore proper and suitable for clearly illustrating the various portions of the drawing as described in the instant specification.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is now in condition for allowance, and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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